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For: RC BUILDING SEISMIC REINFORCEMENT METHOD UTILIZING  
STEEL PORTAL FRAMES WITHOUT BRACES

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 20, 2007 in the above referenced patent application, claim 12 has been amended to depend from new claim 15; all other amendments and arguments remain the same. Please amend the above identified application as follows: